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My dear Mag,

You ask if I shall go to the semi annual convention in N York? Certainly not. I have neither time nor money for such excursions. All that I can possibly spare of either goes to some work of humanity which but few of us will attend to, and which never will receive countenance or furtherance from these semi annuals.

I wish however that some one would bring the matter before them, at that time as you suggest. But I do not think I am the one that ought to do it. With regard to the place – viz – Dewey's Church, I should like that – for I preached a straight anti-slavery sermon there two years

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age & it would please me well to have the matter brought up there again.

Touching the protest. I should not like to ask the minority who have not signed it to do any thing about it. It would seem like hunting them down — that is it would seem so in me, who am considered as a ringleader in this measure. I hope the time will soon come when one of themselves will propose some action in the matter.

I hope you are satisfied with such alterations as Parkman, Peabody, Clarke and I agreed upon. The protest might have been made a little better, but not without taking unwarrantable liberties. Every body seems to like it, that ought to like a good thing. I assure you that I have had to take a great deal of pains to escape getting ~~a great deal of~~ credit for its authorship. Do you know that the Universalist Ministers, in their vast Convention lately held in Boston, despised American Slavery, chose a committee to draw up a Protest against

it &c after the manner of the U. *ministers*?
Mr Bacon of Providence — the Chairman
of that Committee, sent to me for a copy
of our circular, which I gave him.

Putnam! why, he obeyed a good impulse
when he said "*I go sir*". But when he
came to reflect upon the matter, perhaps
talk it over with the Boston men, then
he obeyed a different one, "& *went not*." He
withdrew his name — "painfully — reluctantly" —
as he said, but he did it. Several names
have been given in since the document
was published, there are 3/4 of the whole body.

One or two thousand copies of the protest
will be published in a few days in a small
pamphlet, made from the columns of the
Chr. World without re setting the types. They
will cost very little. We thought of sending
50 or 100 copies to each of the Committees.
You have already paid, I think, your full share
of the expense. If not, I shall not hesitate to call
again. If any thing occurs to you

about the printing or distribution of the Protest, let me know:- Yours very truly,

Caleb Stetson.

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Rev Saml. May
Leicester
Mass

Have you observed how entirely hearty Garrison is in this matter? I have seen him several times lately. He is much pleased, & full of hope.

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